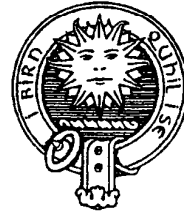
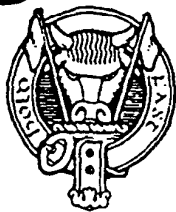


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## WELCOME TO THE CLAN MACLEOD USA

We hope our newsletter provides useful information to prospective members and the latest news and photos for current members. The Clan MacLeod USA Newsletter is published twice a year, in concert with the semi-annual Clan MacLeod Magazine and additional international, regional, and local publications.

The Clan MacLeod Society, USA was founded in 1954 to establish a foundation for charitable, historical and educational pursuits for Clan members living in the United States. Since then it has grown to have members in all fifty states, which the Society has divided into thirteen administrative regions, each led by a Regional Vice President (see page 10).

The Society conducts its charitable functions through its Dunvegan Foundation. This body supports a broad range of scholarships, historical research, programs in the Scottish arts and language, and historic preservation of sites of significance to the Clan MacLeod. Both the Clan MacLeod Society as a whole and the Dunvegan Foundation are listed as 501(c)(3) organizations by the IRS. Our newsletter is published semi-annually, and mailed to all members in good standing of CMS USA. We welcome contributions and comments, which should be directed to the newsletter editor, Dorna Caskie, at the address below.

For more information on the Society's activities and a description of events, magazines, newsletters and membership benefits, please contact the Regional Vice President (RVP) for your area, or join us at the Clan MacLeod tent, which can be found at most highland games in the USA. Further information about the Clan MacLeod USA as well as our membership application can be found on our website, <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org>. We will be delighted to hear from you.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the start of the New Year we found ourselves down South for the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games in Winter Springs, Florida. Clan MacLeod was made the "Honored Clan" for the weekend and we were treated like royalty. Our thanks to Chip Crawford,

President of the SASCF, Florida and also Tim Gouge and family for making us feel so welcome. Our Southeast Region VP John McLeod and his wife Ann were hosts at the clan tent. The games were a great success and very well attended.

The next weekend we attended a Burns Supper put on by the St. Andrews Society of Sarasota. My cousin Marion, Judy, and I were made most welcome by Director David MacMillan. At our table, we dined with Jack McCall and Scott MacLeod, the two pipers for the evening's event.

Sadly, we had to return north, where the winter lingered way too long and was far too cold. In mid February, I attended an ACMS meeting in Edinburgh. It was an

opportunity to meet with the other members of the Council and to support Society business led by John Davidson Kelley. The next ACMS meeting will occur at Parliament.

As the summer arrives we are looking forward to a great year visiting Scotland! Not only will we have our MacLeod Parliament at Dunvegan this July, but there will be other activities such as the Commonwealth Games, which will be held in Glasgow. In addition, the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn is being marked near Stirling.

One week prior to Parliament, our MacLeod North Room Group will convene in Dunvegan for a pre-Parliament gathering of young people to work and socialize. For more information, please visit our CMS USA website or the ACMS Parliament website at <http://www.clanmacleodparliament.org>. I hope to see many of you at Parliament this year.

Hold Fast,

John N. MacLeod

President, Clan MacLeod USA

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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN



*Jeans drying in the bushes outside the "Old Doctor's Surgery," the 1998 NRG's official residence in Dunvegan*

Dig out those mashed-up pound notes from the bottom of your sock drawer, make sure your passport hasn't expired, and start haunting the internet on Sunday mornings when they post the most recent airfare prices – PARLIAMENT IS COMING! Register as soon as you can, which helps planning go more smoothly. More

information is at <http://www.clanmacleodparliament.org/>.

And if you are a first-timer, don't worry. You'll be coming home with more friends than you ever thought it was possible to make in a week, perhaps a few midge bites, but most certainly a hoard of memories and tales to tell.

This year there won't be a Gaelic workshop at Parliament, but the following whimsical introduction to Scottish Doric, a Scots dialect, includes some useful phrases.

**Allagrugous** - awful, terrible. *The quine looked so allagrugous a couldnae ging near her.* (The girl had adopted a ghastly appearance; I refrained from making her acquaintance.)

**Beddit** - to be in bed. *Stop yir footerin aboot or yi'll be beddit.* (Kindly refrain from misbehaviour, otherwise you'll be placed in bed.)

**Cat-sookins** - wet, limp hair. *Yer quine has cat-sookins.* (Your daughter appears to have a most unappealing head of hair upon her exit from the shower.)

**Drookit** - drenched. *A wiz trapped under thon brandet and am drookit!* (Alas, I found myself caught under a drain cover and I'm subsequently soaked to the skin.)

**Een** - eyes. *Ma cowkin made ma een waater.* (I retched so violently that the action brought tears to my eyes.)

**Fit** - what. *Fit ye like?!* (That behaviour is in keeping with your known characteristics.)

**Heid-bummer** - boss. *The heid-bummer at ma work looked*

*unca revelt.* (My line manager adopted a confused expression.)

**Ill-tricket** - mischievous. *At cuddie's affa ill-tricket, at een!* (This rascal is renowned for his troublesome behaviour.)

**Loon** - boy. *The loon at Kirk Brae has run awa.* (The young man, who resides in Kirk Brae, has left the town indefinitely.)

**Mineer** - hullabaloo. *He caused a richt mineer fan he bared his airse.* (A commotion occurred on account of a fellow exposing his posterior.)

**Nickum** - mischievous child. *Gawaaah, yi nickum loon!* (Please relocate yourself from this area, delinquent.)

**Oxter** - armpit. *Av minky oxter fay ging to T in the Park.* (My levels of personal hygiene slipped considerably at Scotland's pre-eminent music festival.)

**Puddock** - frog. *Yon's a puddock on that grape!* (Lo! Observe the frog atop the large garden fork!)

**Quine** - girl. *Ma quine is affa fine.* (I have an exceptionally good-looking girlfriend.)

**Rowie/buttery** - savoury bread roll. *Far's ma rowie, mither?* (I've misplaced my salty baked comestible, mother. Could you assist in its relocation?)

**Scunner** - to irritate. *Come doon fae there, ya scunner.* (Your aptitude for climbing is becoming bothersome, you annoying person.)

**Teuchter** - rural dweller. *Yon teuchter is baaldie-heidit.* (The gentleman from the country is experiencing hair loss.)

**Unca** - very. *Yi hiv an unca big heid on yi.* (Your cranium appears to be abnormally large.)

**Vratch** - annoyance. *Yon toonser is a richt vratch.*

(Unfortunately, the city dweller has been making rather a nuisance of themselves.)

**Yokey** - itchy. *Peter's stockin-soles wir yokey.* (The socks, which belonged to Peter, caused him great discomfort owing to their tickly nature.)

"Still shining and birning" and watching my bahonkie,  
Dorna Caskie

Newsletter Editor, Clan MacLeod USA

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## FEATURED ARTICLES

### McLeod Clan: A Proud Tradition of Independence

*By Col. (Ret) Richard Taylor, US Army*

#### CLAN MCLEOD

The Clann Mhic Leoid (Gaelic) is a Scottish Highland clan associated with the Isle of Skye. The branch of our ancestors is of the MacLeods of Harris and Dunvegan (the castle of MacLeod and the only castle still held by the original clan). This branch is known in Gaelic as Siol Tormoid or the “seed of Tormod.” Leod died in 1280, succeeded by his son Malcolm, then his oldest son, Iain Ciar—the cruelest of all clan leaders—in 1343. Iain Ciar died of wounds in an ambush in 1392. Clan wars raged until the 17th century—with the MacLeod’s winning most battles—until a shaky peace was arranged. One Norman MacLeod of MacLeod led the clan during his life (1812-1895), but died without a male successor. A period of complicated clan leadership ensued, but meanwhile new colonies were already being populated in North America.



*Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye*

During the mid-1700’s, population pressures and economic dislocations in Scotland proved to be an incentive to risk going west. Such an inclination matched the Scottish heritage of wandering, their ancient skills as drovers, shepherds, gardeners, hunters, ministers, and miners, with an emphasis on formal education, all cloaked in a rich tradition of romance and myth. These hearty Scots found a new home in America. Among these adventurers were MacLeod’s setting out to make a stake in the new world.

#### NORMAN MCLEOD

The influx of Scottish migration to North Carolina and other colonies and the common usage of traditional names passed on through generations make tracking an individual through history challenging. Although there are a number of possible scenarios, this one is most probable for our family lineage.

Norman was born 1769 in Scotland. His father was

Duncan McLeod, who migrated from Scotland to America about 1774 with Norman and his brother, Alexander and sister, Catherine. They apparently entered the port in Wilmington and settled first around Fayetteville, North Carolina. Norman met and married Katherine McMillan, also born in Edinburgh, Scotland to her parents, Archie McMillan, a merchant and landowner, and his wife Margaret Murphey.

Norman and Katherine had 11 boys, among them another Norman and Murdock. Norman, the senior, acquired several parcels of land and a few household slaves in North Carolina (Cumberland and Richmond Counties) and in Georgia (Montgomery, Irwin and Telfair Counties). Records indicate he sold much of the land and moved with his family to the area of Telfair known as China Hill and settled there. It was common practice after the Revolution and War of 1812 to reward service with bounty lands and Norman acquired the rights to some in lottery drawings. His exact service is unclear as of this writing.

Norman was known to be active in Telfair as a constable, possible bounty hunter of run-away slaves, trading in real estate, and often serving on grand juries and criminal juries. By 1850, Norman had sold many of his land holdings and moved to Decatur County, which included parts of the modern counties of Thomas, Brooks, Colquitt, Grady, and Worth. He was 80 years old by this time and he bequeathed his holdings to his wife and children, including Murdock the elder. Norman died in 1853 in Thomas County and was believed to be buried there in the Boston City Cemetery. Katherine died in 1850 and is also believed to be buried in the Boston City Cemetery.

#### MURDOCK MURPHEY MCLEOD, SR. AND ELIZABETH “ELIZA” ANN WILSON

Murdock M. McLeod was born to Norman McLeod and Katherine McMillan in Telfair County in 1813. The greater family McLeod had moved from Telfair County to Thomas County about 1830. Murdock first married Elizabeth Phillips on March 27, 1834. But Elizabeth died soon after without children and in December 1837 Murdock married Eliza Ann Wilson (born on April 26, 1820 in Effingham County and daughter of Jeremiah Wilson and Elizabeth Lucas.) They had seven children, including another Norman and Murdock Murphy McLeod, Jr. (1852). Murdock McLeod served as 2nd Lieutenant in the Georgia Militia’s 752d District in Thomas County, having been commissioned on March 3, 1836. Murdock and Eliza moved into Lowndes County into the Morven District, where Eliza’s family lived. In 1858, the militia districts were reorganized and their home was redistricted into Brooks County.

The Civil War had erupted and records indicate Murdock McLeod possibly enlisted as a private for the

duration of the war with Company F, 44th Regiment of Georgia Infantry on May 13th, 1862. But Murdock was already about 50 years old, and by December was furloughed by the Confederate medical director in Richmond, Virginia, diagnosed with an oblique inguinal hernia. As he was only fit for light duty, he was assigned as a hospital guard at Huguenot Springs, Virginia until detailed for limited government works in Augusta, Georgia in June 1864 to finish out the war.

Back at home, Murdock was elected Brooks County surveyor in 1868, but did not qualify. The reason is believed to be that he had not signed the Oath of Allegiance to the Union after the War of Northern Aggression. There are some unconfirmed reports that he did surveying in rural areas inhabited by Creek Indians in Alabama and Florida. They continued to farm a large land holding near Dixie, Georgia until his death about 1890. Eliza had passed away on June 27, 1903.



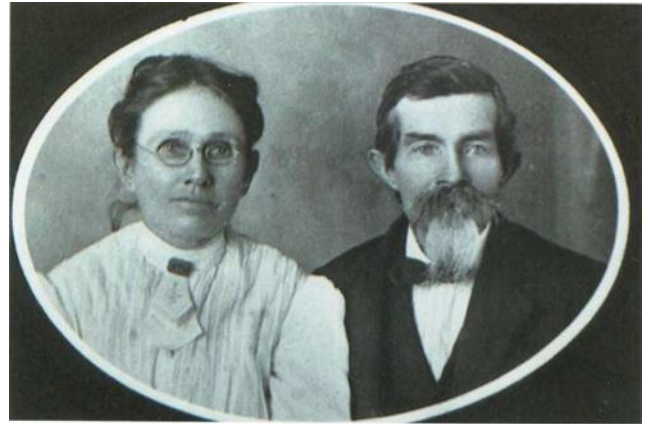
### **MURDOCK MURPHY MCLEOD AND MARGARET CELESTE CARROLL**

Murdock Murphy McLeod, the second, was commonly known as "Cap," his wife as "Maggie," and both their roots were in the area of South Georgia known as Dixie and Dry Lake Community in Brooks and Thomas Counties. He was born in Thomas County on March 15, 1851 and married Margaret Celeste Carroll (daughter of Curtis Carroll and Martha Lively) on September 15, 1875. Together they had eight children, including Jephtha Malachi McLeod on August 1, 1885.

Before he was married, the War Between the States erupted first in South Carolina, then all across the country. On Jefferson Davis' orders, recruiters fanned out across the state signing all able bodied men to defend the southland and carry the fight to threatened Virginia. The younger Murdock was only 10 years old and the south needed to keep younger men, the infirmed, and women in the fields to support the war effort with cotton and corn.

Murdock McLeod remained a quiet and unassuming farmer and faithful and active member of Evergreen Church until he died on September 17, 1939 at the home of his son, Jephtha Malachi McLeod. Maggie was an original charter member of Evergreen. She preceded Cap in death on August 19, 1929 and both are buried in the Evergreen Cemetery. During their life together, they had ten children, including Jephtha Malachi McLeod.

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### **JEPHTHA MALACHI MCLEOD**

Jephtha married Mary Florence Corley, daughter of Isaiah Corley and Maggie Johnson, on November 1, 1914 as the country was entering World War I. When his draft notice arrived at his Rural Free Delivery box in Thomas County, he surely rode his wagon to report to the draft board. He was listed as medium height, slight build, blue eyes, black hair, and missing both legs below the knees. Jephtha had worked at the Thomasville train yards as a train inspector when a train backed over his legs and would have crippled him, but he was indomitable and could not ever be held down nor lose his sense of humor. The civil case found the train at fault and Jephtha was fashioned with artificial legs, replaced as he wore them out about every ten years. When his legs were new the hinges always squeaked when he walked, so he always kept an oil can nearby. He was always ready to go hunting, fishing, spin Irishmen jokes, split a pile of wood, fashion wooden toys for the grandkids, or just sit and smoke his pipe and philosophise while looking over the Sears and Roebuck catalog or waiting for the "rolling store" to barrel up in a cloud of dust. He remained steadfast (Hold Fast) though retired from the railroad through disability, never losing his personal courage, sparkling wit, and happy disposition.



Jephtha was an inspiration to everyone who met him until he died of cancer on November 25, 1957 after a long year of suffering. Florence died on Christmas Day in 1970. They are both buried at Evergreen. Donald

McLeod was one of their six children.

### **DONALD MCLEOD**

Donald McLeod was born on November 5, 1922 in Boston, Thomas County, Georgia. He attended school in Dixie, Brooks County, Georgia and was a member of Evergreen Baptist Church, Boston, Georgia. He married



Lillian Minerva O'Neal, daughter of John Homer O'Neal and Essie Green O'Neal, on January 28, 1942 in Norfolk, Virginia. Donald served aboard the heavy cruiser USS Wichita during World War II. He was discharged from the U.S. Navy after attaining the rank of Electricians Mate First Class. He then worked as an electrician in Tallahassee, Florida until 1953 when he was accepted into civil service at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. He retired from the civil service job at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville having advanced from electrician to Deputy Chief Operations and Maintenance shop. He and Lillian then sold their home in Orange Park, Florida and traveled for more

than a decade. They lived in an airstream travel trailer, motor homes and finally a 40 foot fifth wheel travel trailer. They finally settled in Madison, Florida where they lived until their deaths. Donald passed away on February 9th, 2003 after complications from heart by-pass surgery. Lillian passed away September 13th, 2007. Three children resulted from this union.



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## The Tolmies (featured in the book, *Four Sons of Skye*)

By Weeden Nichols, CMS USA Vice President, F.S.A. Scot.

Over the last few years I have supplied short, non-scholarly articles intended to familiarize members of Clan MacLeod Society USA with the septs of MacLeod. My purpose has been to increase the general understanding (by supplying what is known, and what seems plausible of what is believed) among members of the clan society, as to who is in our family. I also wished to emphasize that our septs are as much a part of Clan MacLeod as those who bear the MacLeod surname.

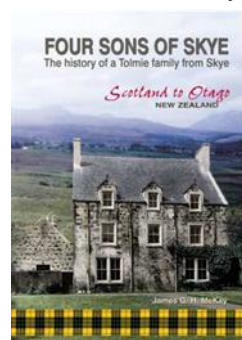
Today, my purpose is slightly different. At the MacLeod World Gathering 2013 at Auckland, New Zealand, Rosalie and I happened to sit at the opening wine and cheese reception with Kevin Tolmie, Vice President of the Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland and Carol McKay, nee Tolmie, of New Zealand. Kevin and Carol gave me clearly to understand that Tolmie is not a sept, but that Tolmies are MacLeods. My new acquaintances/kinspersons provided a double revelation: 1) I never had encountered a real Tolmie, and 2) I never had encountered a sept that is not a sept.



Weeden in Auckland, surrounded by (from left): a real live (Kevin) Tolmie, CMS USA President John, Weeden, and Dr. Don McLeod of Canada (currently standing for election as President of ACMS). The handsome fellow just above Dr. Don's shoulder is Chief Torquil Donald of the Lewes

"Tolmie" is listed as a sept of MacLeod in many of our references; however, Kevin and Carol were able to describe how the name of a branch of MacLeod happened to be

changed. To this end, Carol provided me with a copy of a recent publication, *Four Sons of Skye: The history of a Tolmie family from Skye*; James G. McKay, Author; 2011; Toltech Print, Christchurch, New Zealand. Carol provided the volume in order to increase my understanding, but also in the hope that I might provide a brief review for publication in MacLeod circles. I should mention to our international MacLeod community that I shall conform to US standards of



grammar, spelling, and punctuation, though I personally prefer the standards of the rest of the English-speaking world.

It is always difficult to know what to say first in a book review. In this case, I think I should first recognize the author's clear purpose in writing. The "Four Sons of Skye," to whom the author refers, are great-great-great-uncles of the author and early (not counting the

Maori people) settlers in the Otago/Dunedin region of South Island, New Zealand. The volume, then, is an homage to forebears, but it is also a history of specific interest to Tolmies, and of general interest to all MacLeods. It is, additionally, a history of a very Scottish region of New Zealand, something to which few outside of New Zealand have been exposed. (Full disclosure: My spouse Rosalie and I love New Zealand. The recent MacLeod World Gathering in Auckland was our third, and probably last, trip to New Zealand.)

In brief outline, we must start the story in the mid-14th Century with Torquil Og MacLeod, 5th Chief of Lewis. The first son of Torquil Og and Margaret MacNicol was Roderick Ruaridhri Mor MacLeod, who became 5th Chief of Lewis. Second son Neil MacLeod was given MacLeod lands in Gairloch. He is known as 1st of Gairloch. Though MacLeod lands never encompassed all of Gairloch by any means (Gairloch having been pretty much identical with present-day Ross and Cromarty), but were extensive. Neil Og MacLeod, 2nd of Gairloch (we are now in the early 15th Century) enjoyed the favor of James 1st of Scotland, who

granted him even more lands in Gairloch beyond those Neil Og had inherited. (A very old pattern in Scotland is that the king granted lands to those he favored, but it was up to whomever received the grant to drive off or otherwise dispose of the previous owners or occupants, usually aided by a “fire and sword” authorization accompanying the grant.) A key element in understanding MacLeod problems in Gairloch is that the MacKenzies and MacLeods of Gairloch were, at least briefly, united by the marriage of the inoffensive Allan MacLeod, 4th of Gairloch, to a MacKenzie. Allan's brothers attempted to forestall what they perceived as MacKenzie land ambitions in Gairloch by killing Allan and his two sons by the MacKenzie wife. The MacKenzies, armed with the not uncommon “fire and sword” commission granted by King James IV, promptly obtained revenge by killing Allan's brothers. A further intervention of King James IV awarded most of the MacLeod lands in Gairloch to the MacKenzies. Roderick (known among his contemporaries in Gairloch as Roderick MacLeod the Venomous), Allan MacLeod's son by a second wife, was as treacherous as his two uncles. In an attempt to secure the island of Raasay and the remaining MacLeod lands of Gairloch for his own heirs, he invited all the legitimate heirs (fellow MacLeods) to a banquet and murdered them all. Remember that the MacLeods and MacKenzies of Gairloch were sufficiently intermarried that they were really one family. Many of those murdered by Roderick were MacKenzie nephews and relatives. MacKenzie reprisal resulted in the effective loss of the rest of the MacLeod lands in Gairloch.

All this is to explain how a MacLeod became the progenitor of the Tolmies. By year 1610, the MacLeod resistance in Gairloch was continuing. The nearest heir of Allan MacLeod, 4th of Gairloch, was a prisoner of the MacKenzies. John Tolmach MacLeod, still at liberty, was the next most legitimate claimant to the ancient land rights of MacLeod in Gairloch. If he were to be captured or put to death, the land conflict would be settled in favor of the MacKenzies. The MacKenzies again appealed to the king (a different king this time – James VI), who basically forgave

the MacKenzies for any wrongs they might have committed, and basically named the remaining MacLeod combatants as outlaws. John Tolmach MacLeod, accurately perceiving the battle for MacLeod lands in Gairloch as lost, signaled that he was resigning from the conflict by dropping the MacLeod name and becoming known as “John Tolmach.” This may have saved his life, and it preserved a whole line of MacLeods who now exist under the name that has become “Tolmie” or variants thereof. Ironically, MacLeods of Gairloch and their descendants, under the name of Tolmie, continued to intermarry with MacKenzies. In the final analysis, the conflict and treachery were not so much attributable to either clan as such, but to treacherous individuals. All this is said at greater length, more colorfully, and in greater and more fascinating detail by author James McKay.

In addition to the saga of the Tolmie diaspora, I personally find McKay's volume interesting because of the family trees in Chapter 2 and Appendix B. I am one of the MacLeod descendants fortunate enough to have a purported family line back to the chiefs and to their many Norse Viking forebears. The family trees McKay provides name many familiar, to me, names – not only the MacLeod lines, but the family trees of Scots of other clans, whom Tolmies married. (There were very few marriages of Scots in New Zealand, in the early generations, who did not marry other Scots.) When I am asked, though an amateur, to give a talk on genealogy, I always remind the audience that, with a two to seven percent (arguably) probability per generation of a “non-paternal event,” very few of us who purportedly see our ways back twenty or thirty generations are really who we think we are. It is an interesting hobby, though, and one learns a lot of geography and history pursuing it. (The “non-paternal event” category is not restricted to infidelity, though it includes infidelity.)

At any rate, *Four Sons of Skye: The history of a Tolmie family from Skye* is not only a work of love by James G. McKay, but a delightful and informative volume. I recommend it.

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## MacLeod World Gathering in Auckland New Zealand 2013

*By John Norman MacLeod, President CMS USA*

We were extremely excited to make the long trip from Chicago to Auckland last November to attend the Clan MacLeod World Gathering. It had been nearly 23 years since our last visit where we traveled predominately on the South Island. This time we would explore and take in the sights around the city of Auckland and the North Island. We toured many of the attractions in the city of Auckland before heading to Rotorua, Taupo, and Waipu. The weather cooperated with temperatures in the F 70s and very little rain which helped make the scenery much more amazing.

The Botanical Gardens were spectacular with beautiful views and vast array of flowers and plants. We were also treated to both an indoor and outdoor display of art and sculpture. Rotorua was the place for geysers, hot mineral pools, and boiling mud pots. The Government Gardens near

Lake Rotorua were laid out in a Victorian manner, and the Tudor bathhouse, originally the spa, now a museum of art and history, was a place where you could learn about the Maori culture and artwork, including traditional Maori carving. At Lake Taupo, we took an early morning brunch cruise and visited many of the picturesque sites along the shores of the lake.

Driving just a bit north, we headed to Waipu to visit the place where Norman McLeod brought his parishioners from Nova Scotia to New Zealand. Visiting the local museum gave us the opportunity to refresh the history that led to the long migration from Canada.

Next day, the 20th, we drove our rental car back to Auckland and to the start of the World Gathering at the Ellerslie Center. That evening, following registration, we

mingled with the other guests for a wine and cheese social. The next morning a large group of MacLeods gathered for the beginning of the event. A traditional Maori welcome started the World Gathering.

Although we don't know the language, or gestures, the warrior makes his intentions clear! An olive branch was picked up by ACMS President John Davidson Kelley, and our welcome was given. Next, we lined up for our entrance to the event center. We were led by the Clan MacLeod Pipe Band from Bendigo, Australia and followed by our New Zealand hosts and the rest of Clan MacLeod Societies. Banners waving, we carried the flags of our Chiefs and marched into the hall to the sound of the pipes.

Laurence McLeod, President of the New Zealand Society helped to officially open the gathering. We then received a personal and warm welcome from Dame Catherine Tizard, past Mayor of Auckland and retired Governor General of NZ. Honored guests included Chief Torquil Donald MacLeod of the Lewes and Chief John of the MacLeods of Raasay.

The day also included many workshops such as flax weaving and genealogy. After lunch, John Davidson Kelley presided over the ACMS meeting which allowed the introduction of attending society officers.

On Friday the entertainment and workshops continued, highlighted by the MacLeod music and song program presented by Rona and Jeremy Cooper and Glenice McLeod Saunders. In addition there was a great workshop about the

Gaelic language put on by Cathie MacLeod. Shortly after lunch at the Center, we heard a talk by John McLean about the history and immigration of the MacLeod's to New Zealand from Canada. Additional speakers included remarks by Chief Donald and his brother Chief John.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny for the busy Auckland Highland Games. The MacLeod tent was well supplied with items for purchase, history references, and drinks. Many MacLeods and others came by to meet the Chiefs and share their news. The Bendigo Pipe Band led the Parade of Clans in their entire splendor. Chief Donald and Chief John were piped to the parade stands where they addressed the crowd. The event was recorded by Auckland TV and was shown on the evening news. After a little rest, we prepared for the Banquet and Ball. The gathering of around 180 attendees made for a colorful photo. The Glenfiddlers Band provided the music for the dancing and ceilidh. The Bendigo Pipe Band celebrated the 60th anniversary of its founding with a beautiful cake.

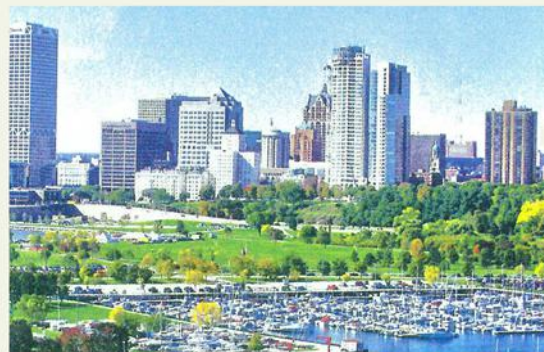
The evening was spent dancing and with conversation. Our table companions were very interesting and we shared many commonalities. To our surprise they presented us with a book, The Millennium Tree, written by a local author. It was a lovely memento. We hated to leave on Sunday after such a spectacular week. We are most grateful to the organizers and to our New Zealand hosts for all the memorable moments.

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## CLAN MACLEOD RECOMMENDS...

*We got great feedback from this new section of the newsletter, where MacLeods are invited to share information about Scottish products, entertainment, events, or travel options. Let's keep it going!*

### "LOCAL HERO"

Recommended by Jack Lewis



**PG** 111 mins., Comedy/Drama/Romance, 1983 (USA). Written and directed by Bill Forsyth. DVD available to rent at Netflix or purchase at Amazon instant video and DVD purchase.

I first became familiar with this movie through its soundtrack, written and produced by guitarist Mark Knopfler of Dire Straits. In fact, I enjoyed the music of this feature for decades before seeing the film. *Local Hero* is a 1983 British

comedy-drama written and directed by Bill Forsyth and starring Peter Riegert, Denis Lawson, Peter Capaldi (now the current Doctor Who), and Burt Lancaster. *Local Hero* was filmed in several locations around Scotland, with Pennan filling in for the fictional village of Ferness, and beach scenes shot at Morar and Arisaig on the west coast.

Riegert plays an American oil company rep sent by his eccentric boss (an over-the-top Lancaster) to basically buy up an entire village on the west coast of Scotland in order to establish a new refinery. His plans are complicated by the shrewd but quirky locals and his growing ease with the slower pace of life in the highlands. He doesn't even notice the loss of his high tech wristwatch as he falls more and more in love with the village, the locals, the one phone box, the beach, the sea, the visiting Russians, the Northern Lights, and even his savvy host's wife. Unable to seal the deal, he reluctantly returns to the States after his boss arrives to take over negotiations—which take a quite unexpected turn. The film ends with Riegert's character at home and longing for Scotland. As Knopfler's melancholy "Local Hero Theme" plays, the phone in the village's one phone box rings and rings.

In his review in BBC Home, Almar Haflidason called *Local Hero* "a wry film that slowly slips under the skin to surprising effect," concluding, "Once over, the mood of the film hits home and a longing develops to visit once again the characters of this warm and deceptively slight comedy." I totally agree.

I find that each time I've been to Scotland, I've watched *Local Hero* about a week after my return, and felt the same way. In fact, at the ceilidh during the 2010 Parliament, the band played the *Local Hero* theme. I was practically in tears!

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### CLAN MACLEOD CARPET

*There's no telling what kind of trouble this information could get you into...*



Carpet is 80% wool, 20% nylon, 4 meters wide (about 13 feet), cut in lengths from 0.5m to 30m, and can be shipped to the USA. Sold by Stephens and Graham, est. 1947. Lovely people, give them a call in Glasgow at +44 (0) 0141 423 3299

Yes, you've admired colorful clan carpeting from afar for many years, yet perhaps never contemplated owning it yourself. It's not likely you can cram this into the luggage you bring to Parliament, but IT IS POSSIBLE to purchase Clan MacLeod carpeting for £59.50 per square meter (about \$83 per square yard). YES, that's a bit pricey, but for a small space like an entranceway or powder room, it's an unforgettable and exuberant statement. More information at <http://www.tartan carpets.co.uk/tartan-carpets/macleod-tartan-carpet.html>.

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### SCOTTISH MACLEOD COMEDIAN BREAKS WORLD RECORD

*There's none like us!*



A Scottish comedian smashed the world record in Glasgow on March 5 for telling the most jokes in an hour. He admitted that he finally ran out of gags, "I had lots of time to spare and actually stopped a few minutes earlier to spare the audience."

Donald Macleod, originally from Lewis, whipped through a total of 580 jokes in front of a live audience at the Park Bar in Argyle Street, Glasgow, raising almost £3,800 for charities.

Mr. Macleod, a financial secretary who lives in Kelvindale, Glasgow, and whose stage name is Donnie Maroot, was afterwards congratulated on the phone by staff from the bar in Adelaide where the previous record of 549 was set by Australian comic Anthony Lehmann in 2005.

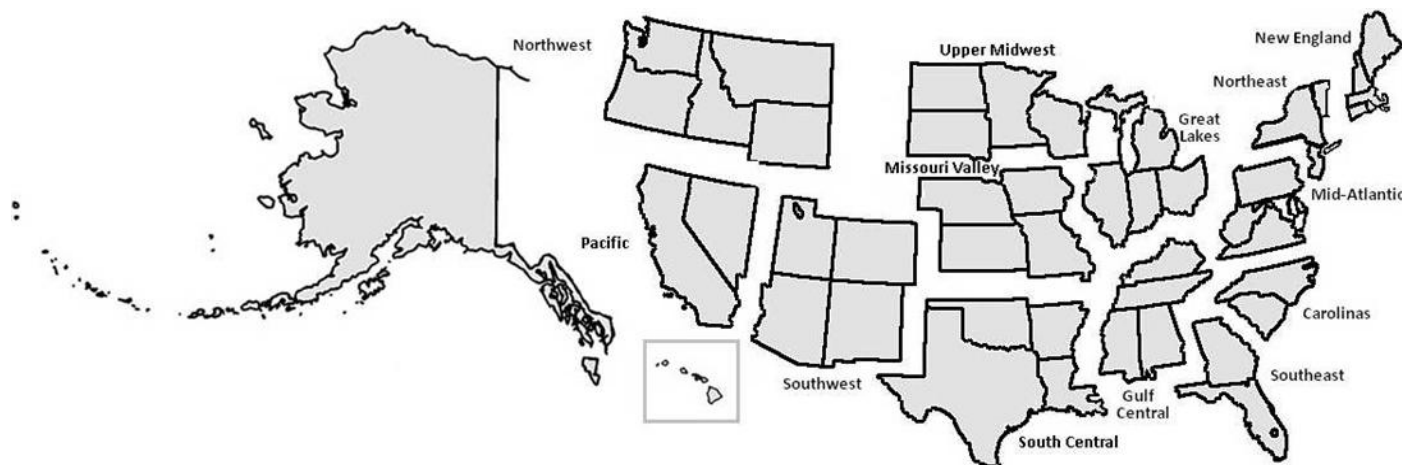
He cracked jokes on average every six seconds, including classics such as "Doctor, Doctor! I can't stop stealing furniture - oh, please take a seat." Later he regaled the crowd with such memorable quips as "What do you call a man surrounded by beef stock? Stew!"

The event raised almost £3800 for charities. Mr. Macleod said "I am more than happy to do it again as it's for a good cause."

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In case there are members that still missed the Fall 2013 newsletter, it is available on-line at the Clan MacLeod USA ([www.clanmacleodusa.org](http://www.clanmacleodusa.org)) homepage or go directly to the publisher's website at <http://www.clanmacleodusa.magcloud.com>.

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Stone throw (13.3 pounds) and the Open Stone throw (9.1 pounds) competitions.

Hold Fast!  
John S. MacLeod  
New England Region

*[PS: don't forget that our own (MacLeod) Megan Zervas will be competing at the 2014 Masters World Championships at the Northern Meeting Park, Inverness, Scotland on 12, 13 & 14 September 2014. Follow her on Facebook, and follow the Masters World Championships at <http://www.scottishmasters.org/>. -Ed]*

#### Upcoming New England events schedule

JUN	June 14	Rhode Island Highland Scottish Festival, Richmond, RI. More inform at <a href="http://www.riscot.org/">www.riscot.org/</a>
	July 5	Round Hill Highland Games, Norwalk, CT. More information at <a href="http://www.roundhill.org/">www.roundhill.org/</a>
JULY	July 12	Maine Scottish Military Tatoo, Fort Knox, Prospect, ME. <a href="http://www.fortknox.maineGuide.com/events.html">www.fortknox.maineGuide.com/events.html</a>
	July 18, 19, 20	Maine Celtic Celebration, Belfast, ME. <a href="http://www.maineCelticcelebration.com/">www.maineCelticcelebration.com/</a>
	July 19	Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Look Park, 300 No. Main St., Florence (Northampton), MA. <a href="http://www.glasgowlands.org">www.glasgowlands.org</a>
AUG	August 16	Maine Highland Games, Topsham Fairgrounds, Topsham <a href="http://www.mainehighlandgames.org">www.mainehighlandgames.org</a>
SEPT	Sept 19, 20, 21	New Hampshire Highland Games, Lincoln, NH. <a href="http://www.nhscot.org">www.nhscot.org</a>
	Sept. 27	Pipes in the Valley, Riverfront Plaza, Hartford, CT <a href="http://www.pipesinthevalley.com">www.pipesinthevalley.com</a>
OCT	October 12	Scotland, Connecticut Highland Games, 96 Waldo Road, Scotland, CT. <a href="http://www.scotlandgames.org/">www.scotlandgames.org/</a>

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Above: New England RVP John Macleod presents the MacCrimmon Quaich to Eryk Bean, the Grade I Piobaireachd winner, at the 2013 Scotland Connecticut Highland Games.

At the Scotland, Connecticut games last October, there was also exciting news for women's heavy games enthusiasts. Terri James of East Hartford, CT set two new world records for women aged 50+ years, in the Braemar



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Hold Fast and shine the light!!!

D. Jean MacLeod

### Upcoming Northeast events schedule

NORTHEAST REGION	August 16	Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village Annual Scottish Festival, Amherst, NY. <a href="http://www.bnhv.org/scottish-festival/">www.bnhv.org/scottish-festival/</a>
	4th Saturday in August	Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Old Westbury Gardens, Old Westbury, NY <a href="http://www.liscots.org">www.liscots.org</a>
	Labor Day Weekend	Capital District Scottish Games –Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY <a href="http://www.scotgames.org">www.scotgames.org</a>
	August 23	Quechee Scottish Festival, Quechee Polo Field, Quechee, Vermont <a href="http://www.quecheescottishfestival.com">www.quecheescottishfestival.com</a>
	June 7	Bonnie Brae Highland Games and Scottish Festival. Valley Road, Liberty Corner, NJ <a href="http://www.eohebrides.com/events/index.cfm?EventID=510">www.eohebrides.com/events/index.cfm?EventID=510</a>
	August 9	Central New York Scottish Games and Celtic Festival. Long Branch Park, Syracuse, NY <a href="http://www.cnyscottishgames.org">http://www.cnyscottishgames.org</a>
	TBA	Ithaca Scottish Games and Celtic Festival 304 N Geneva Street, Ithaca, NY <a href="http://www.ithacascottishgames.com">www.ithacascottishgames.com</a>

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### Save the date!

The annual Alexandria Christmas Walk will take place over the weekend of December 5 -6, 2014. Watch the CMS USA website <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org> for details on our mid-year AGM (on that Friday) and other MacLeod activities.

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Stephen

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*[Please note that Franklin sent in a great group of regional photos, some of which can be found on the inside back cover. – Ed]*

Hold Fast!

Franklin Wyatt III

RVP Carolina's Region

Clan MacLeod Society USA

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We have had a great year since the last newsletter. Ann and I started by attending the Annual General Meeting in San Antonio, Texas last April. It is always a pleasure to see old friends at these meetings but the purpose is to conduct the business of Clan MacLeod Society USA. We accomplished that, again, without undue bloodshed and, with God's grace, no hurt feelings.



*Women's Heavy Games competitor and all-around mentor Adriane Wilson*

Ann and I went to Savannah, Georgia shortly after returning from the AGM. We met Adriane Wilson at the Savannah games. She was there competing and what a competitor she is. Adriane is a world class athlete who is not stingy with her knowledge of processes and procedures for successfully competing in the events. She was observed taking time to teach her fellow competitors during the various events. Adriane was top female competitor at the Savannah games. We next saw her at the Central Florida Games where she was judging. She was recovering from knee surgery and was still in rehabilitation. We saw old friends and met new ones at Savannah. Wallace Spivey and Margo McLeod were just two of the old friends that we saw. Rick Norred was there as a judge. Rick introduced us to Adriane.

May was the Glasgow, Kentucky games. Ann and I



went there to support Jack and Shelly Lewis. Clan MacLeod was the honored clan. We took a few days to travel into Eastern Tennessee before going down to Blairsville for the games there. While in Eastern Tennessee we spent some time with my sister and brother-in-law. We had a grand time with them at Dollywood. The Blairsville games were a success this year. We were greeted by the Alhambra Pipe Band. They adopted us after the first year that we went to the games in Blairsville. Alhambra wears the MacLeod of Lewis tartan. We gained membership at Blairsville again this year and welcome them into the "family."

We spent the third week-end in October at the Stone Mountain Games. This is one of our best games of the year because we have so many members and guests at the tent during the week-end. Ann and I seldom have time to sit and relax even when we are being "spelled" at the tent by another member. We wish to acknowledge the help and support of Clan MacLeod members who are on the Stone Mountain committee. Franklin Wyatt III is always there to help us set up the tent and, most importantly, he always brings his materials in case we forget something. Jim Norman and his family are there to help us too. Jim's son and daughter are like pixies floating around. You never know when they are going to show up at the tent to lend a hand or just take a few minutes to rest in a non-threatening environment. Norman Livermore is the President of the Stone Mountain Organization now so he does not have as much time to spend with us. This past year he brought material, kilts and skirts and donated them to Clan MacLeod to dispose of as we wish. We now have items for the silent auction at the next AGM in Milwaukee. Membership and renewals are always at the top of our list and Stone Mountain is always a large draw for the curious and those seeking information on where or who they may have descended. Ann and I try to help as much as we can.

We had six renewals/new memberships at the Stone Mountain games. We also presented the McCrimmon Quaich to Jacob Lindler. Clan MacLeod now presents the Quaich since our Norman Livermore's duties require him to be available on a moment's notice.

We wound up 2013 with a whisky tasting in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. We went there as honored guests of the DeFuniak Springs Celtic Festival but, unfortunately, it was rained out. We decorated the 4C BBQ restaurant for the whisky tasting and then had a great time with JoAnn, Sharon and Karen. The place was packed and the whisky was mostly Speyside. We enjoyed ourselves immensely and came home with a sampling of the local vineyard's produce. Thanks to the "sisters" for hosting us. We look forward to next December.

We started 2014 with games in Central Florida where we were the honored clan. Central Florida is a two day event and normally we will have ten or fifteen people marching with us during the opening ceremonies on Saturday and then four or five for the parade of tartans on Sunday. This year was exceptional for us. We had forty-one (41) marching in the opening ceremonies and thirty-two (32) for the parade of tartans! One of the highlights of the week-end was one family. Background: For about three years I have displayed a picture of the McLeods of Thomasville,

Georgia on our table. At the games a family came in and asked if we knew about a Martha Norris McLeod. We have her book on display and we have that picture with her front and center. We display the picture because my grandfather is also in the picture. Members of the family asking about Martha Norris McLeod are also in the picture. There were about twenty of them there that day.



*CMS USA President  
John Norman MacLeod addresses  
the opening ceremonies at the  
Central Florida Highland Games*

John and Judy were guests of honor for the games and spent a lot of time fulfilling their commitment to the games but managed to spend a lot of time in our tent too. They worked as hard as Matt McCloud, Ann and I in meeting and greeting guests. We had a wonderful week-end together with them and look forward to many more times to remember.

Next was Northeast Florida. As usual our sponsor, Moreau Estes, had the tent space reserved for us and all we had to do was unload and set up on Friday. That did not happen! Northeast Florida is under shelter but the shelter is open on the sides. We arrived between rain showers and thunderstorms and while we were unloading the skies unloaded on us. Rain was coming under the shelter almost horizontally! We covered everything and went to check in at the hotel. Our St. Andrews Society of Tallahassee sponsored the games and received ten badges for members. Ann and I were fortunate enough to get two of them. We went to the sponsor's reception and ran into many friends and "the Sisters." JoAnn, Sharon and Karen were there. We had a great meal and a lot of time for fellowship. Saturday, at the games, was as rewarding as always. MacLeods and septs of MacLeod were well represented. The parade of tartans was a lot of fun this year. We had over thirty participants in the parade and I acted as cheerleader for the group. If you have been to Alexandria for the Scottish Christmas Walk you know what cheer I am referring to. As usual though we were busy most of the day but it was rewarding. Michael McLeod, in his second year, was competing in Grade III amateur piping. He won piper of the day honors in his class. We wish him the best in future competitions.



*It's those SISTERS again! (Plus, one son.)*

St. Augustine was the last festival in which Clan MacLeod Southeast was represented. Gregory Caskie, Sr. joined us at the festival. The sisters plus one son joined us at St. Augustine also. JoAnn, Sharon, Karen and Zach spent most of the day with us at the festival. We were close enough to the stage that we could hear all of the entertainment without having to leave the tent area. The games at St. Augustine are still in the infant stages but have the potential to grow. William McClure was competing for the first time in the novice division. He came away with first place in every event! Ya think he may have a future in competition? We hope to see him again in Savannah.

The year has been good to us in the Southeast. We started the year with about 99 members and wound up with more than 120. So we gained more than twenty new members over our previous year.

Hold Fast, MacLeod, Hold Fast!

J. W. McLeod

RVP SE, Clan MacLeod Society USA

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*[Please enjoy Jack's memorable contribution about the classic film Local Hero, on page 9. – Ed]*

Hold Fast, y'all.

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*[Patrick McLeod is the new Great Lakes Regional VP. Patrick also served as our interim Internet Manager. – Ed]*

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The Upper Midwest Region has a shorter games schedule than most others, and the only two in Wisconsin are:

- the Wisconsin Highland Games (<http://www.wisconsinsscottish.org/>) at the Waukesha Expo Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, to be held this year from Friday night, August 29 through Sunday, August 31, and
- the Milwaukee Highland Games and Scottish Fest (<http://www.milwaukeeesscottishfest.com/>), which take place this year at Hart Park, Wauwatosa, WI on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Great progress has been made planning the 2015 CMS USA AGM, which will be held in Milwaukee, WI. Please see our promotion on page 8. Below is a photo of the planning group, taken last fall:



*At the table: RVP advisor, Bill C. MacLeod, wife Irene, Andrew and mother Fiona MacLeod Castillo, Eugene and Jackie McLeod, Wisconsin Commissioners. Back row CMS USA President John Macleod, wife and Secretary Judy, Stephenie Chin, and son Peter. (Pam is not in the picture.)*

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## REMEMBERING – RELIVING A FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE:

Blàr Allt a' Bhonnaich (Scottish Gaelic for Battle of Bannockburn) took place on 24 June 1314, a date that all Scots and Scots Enthusiasts will be talking about this year -2014 - and years to come.

The Scottish Referendum on 18 September 2014 is another date that all Scots and Scots Enthusiasts will be talking about this year and years to come.

2014 is going to be a time for remembering, reliving, and creating epic moments in Scottish History. We start by celebrating and remembering the Battle of Bannockburn which occurred 700 years ago this summer. If you read any number of history books – both Scottish-written or written by others on the subject - you will be sure to find various accounts of the battle: the strategy, tactics, and pivotal moments in the battle. Each account has its own 'interpretation' and possibly its own embellishment surrounding the facts of the battle. The perspective each one brings to each side of the table provides a

reader with the opportunity to envision what occurred, and an opportunity to try to understand how, why, when, what occurred during that influential period in Scotland's History. Readers will go on to share their findings and engage in conversation with others who have read these accounts, and possibly had a different perspective on the events that occurred that day in 1314.

The one thing that will be certain is that both sides will take away something they didn't know before, or gain a better understanding of another view point. The reality is, none of us were there, and the few that were there wrote from their vantage point as well. Scholars and historians will debate and continue to write about all the finite details. Sometimes they will agree upon these points, and sometimes they will agree to disagree.

One thing we all can agree upon is that in that moment in time, a proud Scottish nation stood proudly together, and won their independence. Years would pass and Scottish history would continue to be shaped and reformed into a new reality for its inhabitants. More wars and many ACTS of legislation would be passed to constitute a new government, or a new union of sorts.

Let's jump 700 years forward to September 2014. 'This date is just a few months away, and yet the topic is still the same. The conversation and much debated topic regarding Scottish independence is stirring in the bushes and finding its way into conversations of both Scots and Scots Enthusiasts. We are at another pivotal time in relation to the native Scots either wanting or not wanting independence from British rule, and the lengths to which they will fight for it. I don't think this battle will be fought on the fields or marshy grounds by thousands of knights and nobles, freemen and tenants, town dwellers and traders equipped with spears, farm equipment, swords, shields, and the like. This battle will be more political and each side will use weapons of words and diplomacy to advance their cause, fought in government buildings, in the hallways, and in the media.

Do not be fooled: the moment and time will be as epic as the bloody siege that occurred 700 years ago, and will be a story that many historians, scholars, and politicians will talk about for the years and centuries to come. There are many perspectives to this battle, just as there were during any Scottish battle for independence in the past. Only native Scots living in Scotland will be able to cast their vote when September rolls around. The outcome is yet to be determined and written about. The battle plans and tactics have been carefully considered and laid out, and each side continues to pursue their agenda and hope for victory. Scotland's quest for independence will be fought for again, and history will be written yet again.

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*Hold Fast indeed, Perry! – Ed]*

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Welcome good weather! After the wild winter the United States experienced, we certainly deserve to enjoy our outdoor activities this spring and summer.

Our region's highland gaming season begins in June. Three noteworthy games this year are the Bellingham Highland Games, Tacoma Highland Games, and the La Grande Celtic Festival & Highland Games. Bellingham, June 7 & 8th will honor Clan MacLeod, much like the Skagit Valley Games did last year. Acknowledgement in the program, marching first in the Parade of Clans and placing a special banner at the tent are some of the perks for being chosen. The Tacoma Highland Games introduces a new Celtic Concert associated with the games this year. The concert will be held on Friday night, June 27th; featuring Ockham's Razor and is free. Mead tasting, as well as the previously offered whisky tasting, has been added to their venue as well. The La Grande festival, August 22-24th, has added a Ceilidh dinner and trolley tour of six pubs. All good reasons to visit these select games!

Stop by our tent during your stay at any of the games and receive a trinket for signing in and updating your email. Either the commissioners or I will be available at most of our northwest games. The 2014 listing of events & highland games has been emailed to all current members. These are just a sampling of the events for our region.

See you at the Games!  
Hold Fast-  
Susan Norman Slade



**Upcoming Northwest region events schedule**

JUNE	11-15	Feis Seattle. Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, Port Townsend, WA. <a href="http://www.slighe.com">www.slighe.com</a> .
	13-15	Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games. Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Newport, OR. <a href="http://www.ncfhg.com">www.ncfhg.com</a> .
	21	Prosser Highland Games & Scottish Festival. Prosser, WA. <a href="http://www.prosserscottishfest.org">www.prosserscottishfest.org</a> .
	21	Yellowstone Highland Games. Zoo Montana, Billings, MT. <a href="http://www.zoomontana.com">www.zoomontana.com</a> .
	27-28	Tacoma Highland Games, Graham, WA. <a href="http://www.tacomagames.org">www.tacomagames.org</a> .
	28	Alaska Scottish Highland Games. Alaska State Fairgrounds, Palmer, AK. <a href="http://www.alaskascottish.org">www.alaskascottish.org</a> .
JULY	12-13	Skagit Valley Highland Games. Edgewater Park, Mt. Vernon, WA. <a href="http://www.celticarts.org">www.celticarts.org</a> .
	12-13	Athena Caledonian Games. Athena City Park, Athena, OR. <a href="http://www.athenacaledoniangames.org">www.athenacaledoniangames.org</a> .
	18-19	Portland Highland Games. Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, WA. <a href="http://www.phga.org">www.phga.org</a> .
	26-27	Seattle Scottish Highland Games. Enumclaw, WA. <a href="http://www.sshga.org">www.sshga.org</a> .
	02	Spokane Highland Games. Spokane WA. <a href="http://www.spokanehighlandgames.org">www.spokanehighlandgames.org</a> .
AUGUST	09	Whidbey Island Highland Games. Greenbank Farm, Greenbank, WA. <a href="http://www.wihg.org">www.wihg.org</a> .
	09	High Desert Celtic Festival & Scottish Highland Games. Redmond, OR. <a href="http://www.hdcs.net">www.hdcs.net</a> .
	16-17	Douglas County Celtic Highland Games. Riverbend Park, Winston, OR. <a href="http://www.dccscots.org">www.dccscots.org</a> .

AUGUST	22-24	La Grande Celtic Festival & Highland Games. La Grande, OR. <a href="http://www.neoregioncelts.com">www.neoregioncelts.com</a>
	23-24	Bitterroot Scottish Irish Festival. Marcus Daly Mansion, Hamilton, MT. <a href="http://www.bitterrootscottishirishfestival.org">www.bitterrootscottishirishfestival.org</a> .
	30-31	Hood Canal Highland Celtic Festival. Belfair State Park, Belfair, WA. <a href="http://www.HoodCanalscots.org">www.HoodCanalscots.org</a> .
SEPT	13-14	Kelso Highlander Festival Highland Games. Kelso, WA. <a href="http://www.kelso.gov/visitors/highland-festival">www.kelso.gov/visitors/highland-festival</a> .
	20	Treasure Valley Celtic Festival & Highland Games. Boise ID. <a href="http://www.idahoscots.org/festival">www.idahoscots.org/festival</a> .
OCT	23-26	Galway Bay Irish Music Festival. Ocean Shores, WA. <a href="http://www.galwaybayirishpub.com">www.galwaybayirishpub.com</a> .

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**Pacific Region****Send your news and photos to:**

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Hold Fast to the Light, Pacific Region!  
Tammie Vawter, RVP-Pacific Region.

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**FLOWERS OF THE FOREST****Judy Kay McClure Wisheart****February 8, 1943 – October 30, 2013**

Judy was born February 8, 1943 in Lynwood, California and passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 in Louisville, Colorado. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Rex Wisheart, her children Greg and Cristina Jones of Broomfield, Colorado and Kevin and Heather Wisheart of Massachusetts, and grandchildren Mackenzie, Kayleigh and Harrison.

In an organization like the Clan MacLeod Society, when a person like Judy has been in a leadership role for so many years it is inevitable that no one person knows the whole story of how many lives she touched. She was the recipient of the 2011 Clans Person of the Year Award, which always acknowledges many years of service in many capacities, and only hints at her tremendous legacy.

Some of us came to know Judy only recently as the tireless Coordinator of the CMS USA Denver AGM in 2007, a successful event she seemed to have personally cut and pressed and stitched together. She was a kiltmaker and teacher at logistically impossible workshops; a craftsperson and artist; a mentor, confidante and confessor to more than a few, and a person with significant administrative responsibilities as the CMS USA Southwest RVP. Her joy in the accomplishments by her children and grandchildren in the Scottish arts was extraordinary, infectious, and absolute.

She was a powerful, gracious, and enduring presence.

Her immediate family shared the final weeks of her life with her broad community of friends on a Facebook page, where there were many statements of fearless compassion and heartfelt love. A tribute on the day of Judy's memorial summed it all up: "the richness of a person's life can be seen in the number of people who come together at her passing. Her service today proved that Judy was truly wealthy."

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**Martha M. McLeod****Nov. 16, 1923 – October 27, 2013**

Martha was a longtime member of the Clan MacLeod Society, USA and attended many Clan Parliaments over the years. In addition to a professional career in education, administration and Christian ministry, she was a member and officer of the NC Presbyterian Historical Society and the NC Scottish Heritage Society, receiving the Flora McDonald Award for her work on the preservation of the history of Scottish immigrants to North Carolina.

Martha assisted in the collection of data for a biography of Flora McDonald and was profiled in the book "Scottish Exodus," by Dr. James Hunter. She is lovingly remembered by her niece, Mary MacLeod.

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# **The Dunvegan Foundation**

## **Of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc.**

A fully tax deductible way of saying, "I am a proud MacLeod".  
Make a gift in memory of a family member for whom being a MacLeod was always special.  
A wonderful way to say thanks for the great heritage of Scotland.

### **Our mission**

"To preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, as reflected through the history and migration of Clan MacLeod, by pooling our resources as a tax-exempt organization, to enable the support of activities which further these goals."

### **Some of our ongoing projects**

- Support for the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library
- The Clan MacLeod Society Migration Project, including the Clan MacLeod Society Migration Project Book Collection housed at the Taos Public Library in Taos, NM.
- Many scholarships for piping, dancing, and the Scottish arts, all funded by the Dunvegan Foundation and administered by the institutions for which they were established.

### **Special grants and international work**

- Houston Highland Games Association
- Mastery of Scottish Arts Program
- Slighe nan Gaidheal
- American Piping Foundation
- Duirinish Parish Church Music Fund (Isle of Skye)
- Iona Community - Dame Flora Scholarship
- Historic Assynt Organization - Ardvreck Castle Preservation Project

Please check our web pages for further details on the range and quality of projects in which the Dunvegan Foundation is engaged.

[http://www.clanmacleodusa.org/Dunvegan\\_Foundation.html](http://www.clanmacleodusa.org/Dunvegan_Foundation.html)

The Dunvegan Foundation welcomes contributions in any amount, and planned giving arrangements are also welcome. Donations can be designated for specific projects, the endowment fund, or unrestricted. Please send your contribution to:

**The Dunvegan Foundation**  
**Box 17303**  
**Raleigh, North Carolina 27619-7303**

## CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY USA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The Clan MacLeod Society USA embodies a desire to preserve and perpetuate the traditions and heritage of Americans of Scottish ancestry (principally MacLeods and Septs of MacLeod). To further this heritage, the Society promotes cultural (e.g. piping and dancing) and educational (e.g. Gaelic scholarship, awards for excellence in competition, seminars, participations in gatherings and events (e.g. Highland Games, Festivals), two publications (a National and an International Newsletter), plus sustained library collections, meetings (the Annual General Meeting [AGM], Parliament) and internet web sites. In addition to these benefits for members, we offer wonderful camaraderie and an opportunity to form true family friendships throughout the world...particularly in your area. We are a non-profit organization having achieved the 501(c)(3) status.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

- All persons having the name of MacLeod (however spelled), and all persons directly connected by marriage or descent.
- All persons having the name of a Sept of the Clan MacLeod (however spelled), and all persons directly connected by marriage or descent.
- Friends of the Clan MacLeod

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Applicant Name:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Spouse name :		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Occupation(s)		Phone:			
Street address:		Email:			
Town or city:		State and ZIP:			
CHILDREN (FOR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP)					
First child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Second child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Third child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
Fourth child:		Date of birth (mm/dd/yy):		Sept, if applicable:	
<i>Please add additional children's names, etc., on a separate piece of paper.</i>					
YEARLY DUES FOR APPLICANT AND FAMILY					
Applicant, per year:	\$ 25 x	=		Lifetime under 30:	\$1,000.00 x
Spouse, per year:	\$ 25 x	=		Lifetime 30-49:	\$ 750.00 x
Youth, per year (under 18):	\$ 10 x	=		Lifetime Over 50:	\$ 500.00 x
Total amount enclosed:			Please check:	Renewal:	New:
Applicant signature:			Date of application:		

Checks in US funds are preferred; your check is your receipt. Make checks payable to CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY, USA, Inc., and mail to: CLAN MacLEOD SOCIETY, USA Inc., P. O. Box 70928, West Valley City, UT 84170-0928.

### CREDIT CARDS CAN BE USED ONLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

You now have the ability to join or renew your membership in Clan MacLeod USA on line with a credit card or PayPal. The goal is to make the process as convenient and secure as possible. Your information will be secured by using encryption software, fraud protection services and additional security supplied by the PayPal web site. With the online membership process you will save a few steps, compared to the mail in renewal method.

The on-line credit card membership can be accessed by going to the Clan MacLeod USA web site and linking to the "Membership" page. You can pay by: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover or PayPal. The one year membership or donations to the Clan can be made on line. This is just one way of joining or keeping your membership current. You can, as before, apply by mail with a check, or through your local Clan MacLeod representative at your local highland games.



Proxy

# **PROXY FOR AGM, CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY USA, INC.**

Annual General Meeting Thursday July 24, 2014

**Instructions: Date and sign this proxy and insert "X" in the boxes next to the appropriate directive.**

The undersigned member in good standing of the Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. (the "Society"), a New York not-for-profit corporation, appoints as proxy:

**Please mark one of the following:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	John N. MacLeod and Anne L. MacLeod, or either of them,
<input type="checkbox"/>	[if desired, in the large box to the left please write the name and residential address of an alternative proxy who will be present to cast your vote at the meeting. Don't forget to check the small box next to it, too.]

with full power of substitution proxies to vote on all matters on which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society, to be held at the Dunvegan Community Hall, Isle of Skye, Scotland, on or about Thursday July 24, 2014, and at any adjournments thereof. This proxy will be voted in the manner directed below. If no direction is made, this Proxy will be voted for all nominees and proposals listed below.

## **1. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

<b>PRESIDENT</b> John N. MacLeod Naperville, IL	<b>PIPING</b> Jack Lewis Mount Vernon, KY	<b>VP NEW ENGLAND</b> John Stuart MacLeod Ledyard, CT	<b>VP GREAT LAKES</b> Patrick McLeod Ann Arbor, MI
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Weeden Nichols Las Cruces, NM	<b>CHAPLAIN</b> [vacant]	<b>VP NORTHEAST</b> D. Jean MacLeod Whitehall, NY	<b>VP UPPER MIDWEST</b> Pamela M. Captain Rochester, MN
<b>SECRETARY</b> Anne L. MacLeod West Valley City, UT	<b>MIGRATION DIRECTOR</b> Ann McLeod Madison, FL	<b>VP MID-ATLANTIC</b> Stephen D. MacLeod Alexandria, VA	<b>VP MISSOURI VALLEY</b> Ian Good Rock Hill, MO
<b>TREASURER</b> Richard A. MacLeod Dowagiac, MI	<b>RVP ADVISOR</b> William C. MacLeod Naperville, IL	<b>VP CAROLINAS</b> W. Franklin Wyatt III Sanford, NC	<b>VP SOUTH CENTRAL</b> Douglas Beaton Sugar Land, TX
<b>COUNSEL</b> John MacLeod Tutterow Fayetteville, NC	<b>DANCING</b> Jack Lewis Mount Vernon, KY	<b>VP SOUTHEAST</b> John W. MacLeod Madison, FL	<b>VP SOUTHWEST</b> Perry Beaton Denver, CO
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b> Dorna Caskie Groveland, MA	<b>PUBLICIST</b> Judy MacLeod Naperville, IL	<b>VP GULF CENTRAL</b> Jack Lewis Mount Vernon, KY	<b>VP NORTHWEST</b> Susan Slade East Olympia, WA
<b>INTERNET MANAGER</b> Ian Good Rock Hill, MO	<b>NOMINATION CHAIR</b> Don Mack McLeod Boling, TX		<b>VP PACIFIC REGION</b> Tammie Vawter Fresno, CA

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<b>To withhold authority to vote for any INDIVIDUAL nominee, write such name(s) in the space below.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	

## **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b> John N. MacLeod Naperville, IL	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Weeden Nichols Las Cruces, NM	<b>SECRETARY</b> Anne L. MacLeod West Valley City, UT	<b>TREASURER</b> Richard A. MacLeod Dowagiac, MI
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## **3. RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE DUNVEGAN FOUNDATION**

<b>CLASS OF 2015:</b>	Judy MacLeod, Naperville, IL; Don Mack McLeod, Boling, TX; Sarah Piepgrass, Canton, MA
<b>CLASS OF 2016:</b>	Bonnie Thompson, Cumberland, RI; Weeden Nichols, Las Cruces, NM; John MacLeod Tutterow, Fayetteville, NC
<b>CLASS OF 2017:</b>	Richard A. MacLeod, Dowagiac, MI; John B. MacLeod, Silver Spring, MD; Don McLeod, Southern Pines, NC
<b>CLASS OF 2018:</b>	Ian Good, Rock Hill, MO; James Blount MacLeod, Raleigh, NC; Katherine McLeod, Boling, TX
<b>CLASS OF 2019:</b>	Larry Sears, San Antonio, TX; Charlene Boyes, Columbia, MO

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**Member signature**

**Date**

**Please also print your name on the line above**

**4. THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE HAND-DELIVERED TO THE AGM BY THE NAMED PROXY, OR ELSE MAILED VIA POST OR EMAILED TO ANY ONE OF THE PERSONS INDICATED BELOW:**

<b>PRESIDENT</b> John N. MacLeod Naperville, IL 60540 Email: johnmacleod@aol.com	<b>SECRETARY</b> Anne L. MacLeod P.O. Box 70928 West Valley City, UT 84170-0928 Email: annemacleod@comcast.net	<b>PAST PRESIDENT</b> John B. MacLeod 1718 Priscilla Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904 Email: blackolav@gmail.com
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## REGIONAL PHOTO ALBUM

### CAROLINAS REGION

(All Carolinas photos from the Loch Norman Games)



David McLeod – Grade II piper from Greenwood, South Carolina. Coming up to receive an award.

MacLeod  
Clan Tent at  
Loch  
Norman



George Grinton showing a young lad how to play the chanter. (The new orange tent lends interior color.)



Color Guard at Loch Norman

### SOUTHEAST REGION



Gregory Caskie and family



Some of the MacLeods at Central Florida



Jacob Lindler, winner MacCrimmon Quaich Stone Mountain Games



Judy MacLeod and Ann McLeod in the tent, Central Florida Games

### MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING IN NEW ZEALAND: NOVEMBER 2014



Rosalie Nichols next to a giant bicycle sculpture on the shores of Lake Taupo, an inland area south of Auckland.



Scottish country dancing at the Auckland Scottish Festival, which was part of the agenda of the WG13.



Max Morris, the pipe major emeritus of the Bendigo (Victoria, Australia) MacLeod Pipe Band, with his old friend, Weeden Nichols.



# The Clan MacLeod Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS - CLAN MACLEOD USA IS INVITED!

### CLAN MACLEOD WORLD GATHERING PARLIAMENT 2014



Parliament week will take place in Dunvegan from  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014 to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

The North Room Group service project will still take place during  
the week before Parliament, and will be based on Skye.

There will be no pre-Parliament trip in 2014.

See the ACMS Parliament website for more information  
<http://www.clanmacleodparliament.org/>

### 2014 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING AND ALEXANDRIA CHRISTMAS WALK



The CMS USA Mid Year meeting will take place December 4 and 5  
2014, surrounded by the events of the Campagna Center's famous  
Scottish-themed holiday activities.

<http://www.scottishchristmaswalk.com/>

### CMS USA AGM 2015



Our 2015 AGM will take place June 4-7 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Preliminary information is available on page 8; watch the CMS USA  
website for updates.

### CLAN MACLEOD 2016 NORTH AMERICAN WORLD GATHERING



With a special focus on the legends of the Clan and the historic  
industries that drew our ancestors to this area, join us for food,  
music, dancing, workshops, sales, meetings, tours, and tastings.  
July 28-31 in Merritt, BC Canada - <http://www.mcleodcastle.ca/>

Check your 2014 Spring issue (#118) of *Clan MacLeod Magazine*  
for more "dates for your MacLeod diary"!

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